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First Named Inventor	Lee M. Greenberg
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Date

June 3, 2004

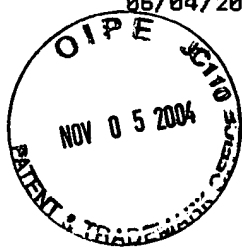
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Application No./Patent No.: 09/874,178

Filed/Issue Date: June 4, 2001

Entitled: Synthetic Mulch

Green Edge Enterprises, L.L.C.

a Company

(Name of Assignee)

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

June 9, 2004

Date

480-633-7878

Telephone number

Judy A. Smith

Typed or printed name

Signature

Member/Partner

Title

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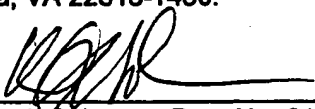


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<b>Application of:</b>	Lee M. Greenberg	<b>Group No.:</b>	1711
<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/874,178	<b>Atty. Docket No.:</b>	36392/41693
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COMMENT

Applicant encloses herewith a copy of the assignment and assignment recordation cover sheet as proof that the subject matter(s) of the above-identified application has been assigned to Green Edge Enterprises, L.L.C. The assignment, assignment recordation cover sheet and recordation fee have been sent for recordation to Commissioner For Patents, Mail Stop Assignment Recordation, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, Express Mail Label **EV 328618366 US**.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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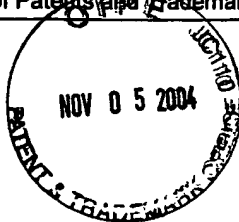
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Lee M. Greenberg; Judy A. Smith

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Name: Green Edge Enterprises, LLC

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A. Patent Application No.(s)  
09/874,178

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Lee M. Greenberg of 12058 Craigview Creve Coeur, MO 63146 and Judy A. Smith of 1144 S. Oak Court, Gilbert, AZ 85233, have invented certain new and useful improvements for a Synthetic Mulch for which we have this same day executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States identifying us as the only inventors thereof (said application being identified as Thompson Coburn LLP, Docket 36392-41693); and

WHEREAS, Green Edge Enterprises, LLC, a corporation of the State of Missouri having its principal office and place of business at 12058 Craigview Court Creve Coeur, MO 63146, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as disclosed in said application, in and to said application, and in and to the patent to be obtained thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of all of which are hereby acknowledged, we, Lee M. Greenberg and Judy A. Smith, have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Green Edge Enterprises, LLC, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as the same are disclosed in said application which was executed by us concurrently herewith preparatory to filing for Letters Patent, in and to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent, including divisionals, continuations, reissues, reexaminations and extensions to be obtained therefor in the United States and all foreign countries; and we further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent as the assignee may desire to apply for, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents or other proper official is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent to said Green Edge Enterprises, LLC in accordance with this Assignment.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application(s) to insert in this Assignment the serial number, filing date, and date of execution of said application(s).

For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said Assignee, to execute any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute application for said invention or improvements, and any oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application(s), and, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in an interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. The undersigned agree to perform, upon request, any affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest in said Assignee all rights therein, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment has not been made.

And for said consideration, the undersigned hereby assign to said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for all foreign countries, including all priority rights, and agree to execute, at the request of said Assignee, all documents in connection with any application for foreign Letters Patent therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 11<sup>th</sup> day of

June 2004.

Lee M. Greenburg  
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STATE OF Missouri  
COUNTY OF St. Charles

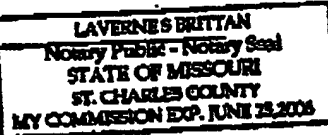
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On this 11 day of June, 2004, before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of St. Charles, State of Missouri, personally appeared Lee M. Greenburg, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Laverne S. Brittan  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June (9<sup>th</sup>) 2004

Judy A. Smith  
Judy A. Smith

STATE OF Arizona

COUNTY OF Maricopa

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On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004 before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of Maricopa, State of Arizona, personally appeared Lee M. Greenberg, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Annette R. Darcangelo  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 06/16/04



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Printed Name: Harold Darcangelo